

REMARKS

In view of the amendments proposed above, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Anticipation Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Anticipation Rejection Based on United States Patent 6,047,317 to Bisdikian et al.

Claims 1-2, 7-10, and 15-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,047,317 to Bisdikian et al. (hereinafter “Bisdikian”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as set forth below.

The claimed embodiments have been amended to recite a carousel wherein instances of a module are distributed approximately uniformly across the carousel and across two or more periods of the carousel (support for these amendments can be found in, for example, paragraph 0044 of the as-filed specification). Note that, in FIG. 2a of Bisdikian, the instances of the cross-hatched page are not uniformly distributed across the carousel but, rather, are weighted toward the beginning of the carousel.

As Bisdikian fails to disclose at least the above-noted limitations of claim 1, 7, 15, 20, 23, and 28, each of these claims is novel in view of this reference. Further, those

claims depending from each of these independent claims is allowable as depending from a novel independent claim.

Obviousness Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bisdikian. However, for the reasons set forth above, claim 3 is allowable as depending from a nonobvious independent claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 7-10, and 15-30 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of such claims.

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